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January 9, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# COUNTYWIDE CLASSIFICATION ACTIONS (ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the accompanying ordinance amending Title 6, Salaries, of the County Code to add nine (9) new classifications, to delete two (2) non-represented classifications, to change the salary of one unclassified position, to implement the results of classification studies, and to make various technical corrections.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board has requested submission of classification letters on a periodic basis throughout the year to facilitate consideration of classification recommendations in a timely manner. Approval of these recommendations will provide the ordinance authority for County departments to implement the classification recommendations in this letter.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the accompanying ordinance will further the County Strategic Plan, Organization Effectiveness Goal, to achieve departmental operational needs and to maintain consistency in personnel practices throughout the County.

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These recommendations will ensure the proper classification and compensation of positions based upon the duties and responsibilities assigned to these jobs as performed by the incumbents (Attachments A and B). This is a primary goal of the County's classification system and a means for the appropriate classification and compensation of the County workforce. Positions reclassified upward, downward, and laterally are consistent with the class concepts of the proposed classifications. These actions are recommended based upon accepted principles of classification, and are important in addressing departmental operational needs and in maintaining consistency in personnel practices throughout the County. The proper classification and compensation of positions and employees facilitates good business operations, and can reduce the number of costly personnel-related problems.

# FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The projected budgeted net County cost resulting from this action is \$183,085 annually based upon salaries as of October 1, 2006. Incumbents of filled positions promoted as a result of upward reclassifications generally receive increases ranging from 5.5 to 10 percent. Cost of increases associated with upward reclassification actions and compensation changes will be absorbed within the Board's adopted budget for each affected department. No additional funding is required.

# FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

# **New Classes**

Nine (9) new classes are being created in the County's classification system to better serve departmental needs (Attachment A).

### **Deleted Classes**

Two (2) non-represented vacant and obsolete classifications are being recommended for deletion consistent with the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) strategy to reduce the overall number of County classes (Attachment A). The affected department has been informed of and has consented to the deletion.

### Salary Change

The salary for one unclassified position in the Department of Children and Family Services is being recommended for change to reflect the expanded duties and responsibilities which have resulted from a departmental reorganization.

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# Reclassification

There are 86 positions in seven (7) departments being recommended for reclassification (Attachment B). The duties and responsibilities assigned to these positions have changed since the original allocations were made. The positions would be more appropriately classified to the recommended classes.

# Technical Corrections

Various technical corrections to existing County classes are being recommended in conjunction with the Memorandum of Understanding/Fringe Benefits letter which was approved by your Board on November 21, 2006. These changes include corrections to salaries, classification listings, and salary tables, and a change to the item numbers for Marshal's classes for payroll purposes.

# Authority

The County Charter authorizes the establishment and maintenance of "a classification plan and the classification of all positions." This responsibility is further delineated in Civil Service Rule 5.

### Approvals

- Appropriate consultations have been conducted with the impacted employee organizations.
- The accompanying ordinance implementing amendments to Title 6, Salaries, of the County Code has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

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# IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Your approval of these classification recommendations will enhance the operational effectiveness of the departments through proper classification of positions and employees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Director of Personnel
 Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
 County Counsel
 Auditor-Controller
 Affected Departments

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# **ATTACHMENT A**

# **CLASSES RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITION**

Benefit designations are being shown for information only and are not part of the County Code. Savings Plan designees are also recommended to be designated as eligible for the Flexible Benefit Plan.

Savings <i>l</i> Health Plan	Item, No:	Title		chedule evel
Savings	4630	Administrator, College of Nursing and Allied Health	N23	R14
Savings	4456	Assistant Administrator, Regional Planning	N2	103H
Choices	6502	Assistant Elevator Mechanic	<u> </u>	73F
Savings	3574	Chief, Clinical Engineering, Medical Center		98H
Savings	9105	Executive Assistant, Children and Family Services (UC)	N23	R12
Options	9027	Genetic Counselor		90H
Savings	5005	Public Health Laboratories Assistant Director		101F
Savings	2577	Section Manager, Information Technology Communications Systems, ISD		98K
Options	2931	Youth Programs Specialist, Ocean Lifeguards		84L

# NON-REPRESENTED CLASSES RECOMMENDED FOR DELETION

Item No.	Title
9650	Assistant Head, Fiscal & Administrative Services, Marshal
8623	Chief Deputy Probation Officer

# UNCLASSIFIED POSITION RECOMMENDED FOR SALARY CHANGE

Item No.	Title	Current Salary Schedule & Level	Proposed New Salary Schedule & Level
9109	Senior Deputy Director, Children and Family Services (UC)	N23 R15	N23 R16

# **TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS**

# REPRESENTED CLASSES TO DELETE ONLY FROM COUNTY CODE SECTION 6.28.050 (TO RETAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND CWTAPPS)

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0411	Account Clerk I, LACERA
0412	Account Clerk II, LACERA
0415	Accountant, LACERA
0417	Accounting Officer I, LACERA
0418	Accounting Officer II, LACERA
0413	Accounting Technician I, LACERA
0414	Accounting Technician II, LACERA

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0419	Administrative Services Analyst I, LACERA
0420	Administrative Services Analyst II, LACERA
0421	Administrative Services Analyst III, LACERA
0456	Assistant Data Systems Analyst, LACERA
0428	Clerk, LACERA
0457	Data Systems Analyst I, LACERA
0458	Data Systems Analyst II, LACERA
0471	Document Processing Assistant, LACERA
0472	Document Processing Coordinator, LACERA
0451	EDP Programmer Analyst, LACERA
0452	EDP Senior Programmer Analyst, LACERA
7956	Graphic Artist, LACERA
0429	Intermediate Clerk, LACERA
0443	Intermediate Stenographer, LACERA
0432	Intermediate Supervising Clerk, LACERA
0445	Intermediate Typist Clerk, LACERA
0461	Messenger Driver, LACERA
0433	Payroll Clerk I, LACERA
0467	Procurement and Supply Clerk, LACERA
0463	Procurement Assistant I, LACERA
0464	Procurement Assistant II, LACERA
0466	Receptionist, LACERA
1309	Retirement Benefits Specialist I
1310	Retirement Benefits Specialist II
1311	Retirement Benefits Specialist III

Item No.	Title
0438	Secretary, LACERA
0416	Senior Accountant, LACERA
0430	Senior Clerk, LACERA
0468	Senior Procurement Supply Clerk, LACERA
1312	Senior Retirement Benefits Specialist
0455	Senior Systems Aid, LACERA
0446	Senior Typist-Clerk, LACERA
0426	Staff Assistant I, LACERA
0427	Staff Assistant II, LACERA
0422	Supervising Administrative Assistant I, LACERA
0431	Supervising Clerk, LACERA
0462	Supervisor, Mail & Delivery Service, LACERA
0454	Systems Aid, LACERA
0444	Typist Clerk, LACERA
0447	Word Processor I, LACERA
0448	Word Processor II, LACERA

# **CLASSES RECOMMENDED FOR SALARY CORRECTION**

Item No.	Title		alary e & Le	vels.	Recon Correction Schedu		alary
2437	Head Fire Dispatcher	07/01/2007 01/01/2008 07/01/2008 01/01/2009	NN NN NM NM	84J 85K 85K 86L	08/01/2007 08/01/2008		85K 86L
9232	Paralegal	01/01/2006	NW	76K	01/01/2006 10/01/2006	NW NW	76K 78D
5133	Registered Nurse I	11/21/2006	N21		11/28/2006	N21	
5139	Registered Nurse I, Sheriff	11/21/2006	N21		11/28/2006	N21	
5134	Registered Nurse II	11/21/2006	N21		11/28/2006	N21	
5140	Registered Nurse II, Sheriff	11/21/2006	N21		11/28/2006	N21	
5135	Registered Nurse III	11/21/2006	N21		11/28/2006	N21	
5141	Registered Nurse III, Sheriff	11/21/2006	N21		11/28/2006	N21	
9233	Senior Paralegal	01/01/2006	NX	78K	01/01/2006 10/01/2006	NX NX	78K 80D
2482	Student Professional Worker, Information Technology	07/01/2007 01/01/2008 07/01/2008 01/01/2009	NN NN NM NM	16.88 17.39 17.39 17.91	07/01/2007 01/01/2008 07/01/2008 01/01/2009	FH FH FH FH	17.34 17.86 18.35 18.90

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2481	Student Worker, Information Technology	07/01/2007 01/01/2008 07/01/2008 01/01/2009	NN NN NM NM	13.96 14.38 14.38 14.81	07/01/2007 01/01/2008 07/01/2008 01/01/2009	FH FH FH	14.34 14.77 15.18 15.64
9234	Supervising Paralegal	01/01/2006	NX	82K	01/01/2006 10/01/2006	NX NX	82K 84D

# CLASSES RECOMMENDED FOR ITEM NUMBER CHANGE

Current Item No.	New Item	Title
9636	2747	Deputy Clerk, Custody Officer
9625	2746	Deputy Marshal, Matron
9646	2132	Management Secretary, Marshal
9635	2463	Marshal's Dispatcher I

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSITION RECLASSIFICATION

# DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Number of Positions	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary
1	Assistant Division Chief, Children and	Division Chief, Children and Family
	Family Services	Services
	N23 R11	N23 R12
	Non-Represented	Non-Represented
1	Deputy Director, Children and Family	Senior Deputy Director, Children and
1	Services (UC)	Family Services (UC)
Į.	N23 R14	N23 R16
	Non-Represented	Non-Represented
1	Executive Assistant, Children and	Executive Assistant, Children and
	Family Services	Family Services (UC)
}	N23 R10	N23 R12
	Non-Represented	Non-Represented
3	Intermediate Typist-Clerk	Secretary III
	NV 60H	NV 69F
	Represented	Represented
26	Secretary II	Senior Typist-Clerk
	NV 67F	NV 65B
	Represented	Represented
1	Secretary II	Warehouse Worker I
'	NV 67F	65E
	Represented	Represented
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7	Secretary IV	Secretary III
	NV 71F	NV 69F
	Represented	Represented
1	Senior Management Secretary II	Senior Secretary III
•	83H	77H
	Non-Represented	Non-represented
1	Senior Management Secretary IV	Senior Management Secretary III
	87H	85H
	Non-Represented	Non-Represented

# DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (cont'd)

Number of Positions	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary
1	Senior Secretary I 73H Non-Represented	Secretary III NV 69F Represented
4	Senior Secretary IV 79H Non-Represented	Senior Secretary II 75H Non-Represented
22	Senior Secretary IV 79H Non-Represented	Senior Secretary III 77H Non-Represented

The Assistant Division Chief, Children and Family Services (CFS) reports to a Deputy Director, CFS and is assigned to the Finance Bureau to manage, through subordinate supervisors, the following sections: Accounting Services, Revenue and Special Projects, Budget Status Reports/Expenditures, and Contracts/Fiscal Monitoring and Special Payments. The specific responsibilities assigned to these sections include budget preparation and forecasting, oversight of capital projects, intra-fund transfers, services and supplies, and other charges, contract monitoring, revenue management, and accounts receivable. Based upon the assigned responsibilities, the position meets the allocation standards for Division Chief, CFS, a class which directs the activities of a major administrative operational area such as budget and finance. Based upon the current scope of responsibility and organizational structure, upward reclassification is recommended to Division Chief, CFS.

The subject Deputy Director, CFS (UC) position reports to the Director of Children and Family Services and is responsible for directing, through subordinate Deputy Directors, the operations and activities of a variety of countywide children and family services programs. The position's scope and level of operational responsibility has grown significantly due to changes in the department's management reporting relationships, and are more consistent with the allocation standards for the Senior Deputy Director, CFS (UC), a position which has overall responsibility for directing the services to children and their families. In recognition of these increased responsibilities and the regulatory and legislative environment in which the position is required to function, we recommend upward reclassification to Senior Deputy Director, CFS (UC).

The Executive Assistant, Children and Family Services position reports to the department director. As a result of the current departmental reorganization, the scope of responsibilities and complexity of duties for the subject position have significantly increased. In addition to providing assistance to the Director of Children and Family Services, this position is responsible for overseeing the Office of Board/Commission Relations and the Office of Public Affairs, coordinating media relations, responding to public inquiries, performing the department's ombudsman duties, handling all special events, and completing special projects on an asneeded basis. In recognition of these increased responsibilities, upward reclassification is recommended to the new position of Executive Assistant, Children and Family Services (UC).

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (cont'd)

The subject clerical and secretarial positions were formerly part of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), and were transferred to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) when the department separated from DPSS several years ago. The department recently initiated a departmentwide study of these positions to realign the secretarial positions in accordance with the level of supervisor served. The downward reclassifications represent a joint recommendation with the department and the Chief Administrative Office to recognize the differences in departmental size (DPSS with approximately 15,000 budgeted positions versus DCFS with approximately 7,000 budgeted positions) and scope of responsibilities assigned.

#### DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Number of Positions	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary
2	Deputy District Attorney III NW 106J Non-Represented	Deputy District Attorney IV NX 110L Non-Represented
1	Graphic Artist 75E Represented	Graphic Arts Specialist 77E Represented

The subject Deputy District III positions are assigned to the Bureau of Specialized Prosecution, Hardcore Gang Division, Central Hardcore where they are responsible for prosecuting the most difficult and complex cases presented by the gang and homicide units of the City of Los Angeles Police Department and the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. The duties and responsibilities assigned to these positions meet the allocation criteria for the Deputy District Attorney IV, a class responsible for prosecuting the most difficult and complex felony, juvenile, appellate, civil, or other types of cases requiring a high degree of initiative, skill, and specialized legal knowledge. Therefore, we are recommending upward reclassifications to Deputy District Attorney IV.

The subject Graphic Artist position is assigned to the Graphics Unit of the Crime Prevention and Youth Services Bureau where it is responsible for creating visual materials such as crime scene diagrams, map-based visuals, anatomical diagrams, charts, and PowerPoint presentations for use by attorneys in the courtroom and jury presentations; exercising judgment and initiative to develop clear and persuasive visual aids which incorporate complex factors of a case; developing designs and layouts of public information materials such as pamphlets, brochures, posters, and flyers; and creating graphic materials for the department's internal use for occasions such as press conferences, meetings, and special events. According to the classification standards, the Graphic Arts Specialist performs specialized graphic artist duties in support of County departments headed by an elected official. Since the position meets this allocation criteria, we are recommending upward reclassification to Graphic Arts Specialist.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - NORTHEAST CLUSTER

Number of Positions	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary
1	Nursing Director, Education N23 R12 Non-Represented	Administrator, College of Nursing and Allied Health (new class) N23 R14 Non-Represented

The subject position will function as the administrative and academic head of the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health. The scope of work and responsibility for this position has increased since its original allocation and it now provides oversight and direction for three major areas including the School of Nursing, Education and Consulting Services, and Allied Health. In recognition of these expanded responsibilities and the proposed expansion of the Allied Health component of the College to include multiple accredited medical programs in areas such as Radiation Technology, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Central Services Technology, and Diagnostic Services, we recommend that a new class of Administrator, College of Nursing and Allied Health, be established and that this position be reclassified upward to this new class.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings
1	Secretary I NV 65F Represented	Secretary III NV 69F Represented

The subject position is assigned to the California Children's Services (CCS) Medical Therapy Administration, and reports to the Therapy Services Chief, Children's Medical Services. It provides families and other entities with information regarding claims status and provider referrals, and performs other routine secretarial support duties such as maintenance of the supervisor's calendar, meeting scheduling, telephone coverage, timekeeping, and procurement of office supplies. The subject position also serves as the intermediary between a large medical therapy staff of 265 employees located at 32 sites, and must exercise a working knowledge of the Medical Therapy Program, CCS policies and procedures, and the relationships between 85 school districts and 16 Special Education Local Plan Agencies. The responsibilities assigned, which include performing duties in a highly responsible and complex secretarial capacity, are fully consistent with those assigned to positions allocated at the level of Secretary III. Therefore, upward reclassification to Secretary III is recommended.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Number of Positions	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary
1	Physician Specialist, M.D. N19 P4	Senior Physician, M.D. N19 M6
	Represented	Non-Represented

The subject position is assigned to the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program where it reports to a Chief Physician I, M.D. and serves as the program's Medical Director. In this capacity, the incumbent provides direct technical and administrative supervision over the Nursing and Clinical Care Unit comprised of Physician Specialists, M.D., a Nurse Manager, and a Public Health Nurse. The position is also responsible for directing the preparation and negotiation of grants for epidemiological research, serving as an STD technical expert and consultant for other Public Health programs and Service Planning Areas, formulating and communicating STD-related policies and procedures for County STD clinics, and conducting monthly continuing medical education courses for physicians and nurses. These responsibilities are fully consistent with the Senior Physician classification standards in which the position has full technical and supervisory responsibility for a small program or a unit within a larger program, and has administrative responsibilities including execution of policies with responsibility of inservice training programs. Therefore, upward reclassification to Senior Physician, M.D. is recommended.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary
1	Intermediate Typist-Clerk NV 60H Represented	Secretary II NV 67F Represented

The subject position is assigned to the Specialized Supportive Services Section and provides secretarial support services to a Human Services Administrator II which functions as a unit supervisor. Based upon our review, the position meets the allocation standards for the Secretary II class which is responsible for providing secretarial assistance to the head of a minor section in the Department of Public Social Services. As such, an upward reclassification to Secretary II is recommended.

### DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

Number of Positions	Present Glassification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary:
4	Case and Hearing Coordinator, Regional Planning N2 103H Non-Represented	Assistant Administrator, Regional Planning N2 103H Non-Represented

These positions are responsible for planning, directing, and supervising, through subordinate supervisors, the activities of a major organizational area such as general planning, zone administration, or administrative, budget, and fiscal services. In addition, these positions conduct formal hearings on development cases. Since the primary duties and responsibilities of these positions are supervisory and administrative in nature, they are more appropriately classified as Assistant Administrator, Regional Planning. Furthermore, once the Case and Hearing Coordinator, Regional Planning class is vacated, it will be deleted from the Classification Plan.

#### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Number of Positions	Present Classification and Salary	Classification Findings and Salary.
1	Electrician Supervisor F \$6,077.11 Represented	Supervising Digital Systems Technician F \$6,016.35 Represented
2	Information Systems Analyst II 87L Represented	Information Technology Specialist I 105F Non-Represented
3	Information Systems Analyst II 87L Represented	Information Systems Manager I 105F Non-Represented

The subject Electrician Supervisor position is assigned to the North County Correctional Facility and reports to a Manager I, Facilities Operations and Crafts where it provides administrative and technical supervision to 16 Digital Systems Technicians assigned to maintain, install, repair, update, and test security systems and fire/life-safety systems in custodial facilities. The duties and responsibilities are more consistent with the Supervising Digital Systems Technician class concept in which the position supervises the work of a section engaged in the installation, testing, maintenance, modification, and repair of digital communication systems and equipment. Therefore, downward reclassification is recommended.

# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (cont'd)

The subject Information Systems Analyst II positions are responsible for managing critical programs and systems within the Sheriff's department, including major application development projects such as the Jail Health Information System and the Los Angeles Regional Terrorism Information System, and managing the Sheriff's Contact Center, Data Network, and Data Administration Sections. The scope and level of responsibilities assigned to these positions are consistent with the class concepts of the higher level recommended classifications. Therefore, upward reclassification is recommended.